



SOURIS TOWN COUNCIL AND
SOURIS SEWER AND WATER UTILITY CORPORATION

MINUTES

Regular Monthly Meeting

MONDAY, December 11, 2017 @ 7:00pm

Town Hall ~ Council Chambers
75 Main Street, Souris, PEI

A. Call the regular monthly meeting of Council to Order 7:00PM

Mayor O'Brien called the meeting to order with a quorum. Absent from meeting: C. Peters and C. Cheverie.

B. Agenda

2.1 Approval of Agenda

MOTION by C. MacDonald and seconded by C. Bailey to approve the Agenda as circulated prior to the meeting. All in favour. Motion carried.

2.2 Additions to Agenda

No additions.

C. Conflict of Interest Declaration

Part VI, Section 23 of the Municipalities Act, which maintains that no member of Council shall derive any profit or financial advantage from his/her position as a member of Council and, where a member of Council has any pecuniary interest in or is affected by any matter before the Council, shall declare his/her interest therein and abstain from voting and discussion thereon.

No conflict declared.

D. Approval of Minutes – November 13, 2017.

MOTION by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Dunphy to approve the minutes of November 13, 2017 as prepared by our CAO without any errors or omissions. All in favour. Motion carried.

Presentations:

E. Monthly RCMP Report (November 2017)

RCMP representation not available.

F. Proposal from Beach Boardwalk Project Committee (Brian Deveau & Johnny Flynn)

C. Thibodeau stated that he felt there would be support from the Town. He anticipates challenges from various environmental sources but hopes that as a group those challenges can be overcome.

It was recommended that Council write a letter in support of forming a committee to work on this project.

Business arising from previous meetings:**G. Signing of MOU for new Municipal Funding Agreement**

MOTION by C. Denis and seconded by C. Bailey that the Town of Souris sign the proposed MOU for the new Municipal Funding Agreement as presented to Council. John Dewey from FPEIM met with Council earlier to review and discuss.

All in favour. Motion carried.

Financial Information:**H. General Account Budget Update – as of November 30, 2017**

C. Thibodeau reviewed. Also passed out Budget sheets for 2018-19 fiscal year. This upcoming year will run from January 1, 2018 – March 31, 2019 so Council must take that into consideration when preparing their budgets.

I. Water & Sewer Utility Account Budget update – as of November 30, 2017

C. Thibodeau reviewed. Everything seems to be in line with budget.

J. Town of Souris – General Account Invoices (\$15,390.41) for Approval as at Dec 8, 2017

MOTION by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Dunphy to approve the General Act Payables as listed with addition of two invoices from Foster Campbell for \$289.80 and \$735.90. All in favour. Motion carried.

K. Town of Souris – Sewer & Water Utility Corp Invoices (\$1,423.12) for Approval as at Dec 8, 2017.

MOTION by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Dunphy to approve the Water & Sewer Act Payables as listed. All in favour. Motion carried.

L. General Account & Water Sewer Account Cheques Issued during the month of November 2017 –

For review only.

Planning/Development:

M. Development application from Susan and Sarah Bruce to expand the existing building on PID 774935, 26 Anniversary Avenue. As per application it will be expanded from the existing 2,136 sq ft to 3,605 sq ft. They are proposing to use the existing space as a studio/business and the expanded space as living quarters. Plans and description are attached.

Planning Advisory Board met December 8, 2017 at noon and recommended approval of the development application as they felt it met necessary requirements and would be a good fit to the area.

MOTION by C. Dunphy and seconded by C. Thibodeau to approve this development application as per recommendation by Planning Advisory Board. All in favour. Motion carried.

New Business, Correspondence, Requests and/or Additions:**N. Request for Funding for 55+ Winter Games to be held in Souris Jan 24-27, 2018.**

MOTION by C. Dunphy and seconded by C. Thibodeau to donate \$300 to the Souris 55+ Winter games. All in favour. Motion carried.

O. Request from Ecole La-Belle-Cloche parent committee for a donation towards their new playground.

Recommended that we carry forward into 2018. Find out what they need to raise; and What did we give to SRS for playground.

P. Thank you card received from Souris Lions Club.

Thank you note acknowledged

Q. Council Reports:

Mayor Stephen O'Brien

- Nov 15th attended Harbourview Social
- Nov 17th Revenue Sharing Meeting with FPEIM, John Dewey
- Nov 17th Firemen's Appreciation Dinner,
- Nov 20th Meeting with RCMP Superintendent,
- Nov 22nd Gateway Project meeting and Souris Hospital Foundation Photo with Cheque,
- Nov 28th Christmas Tree Lighting
- Dec 1st Co-op Float Construction
- Dec 5th Attended meeting with Kevin MacCarville from Municipal Affairs
- Dec 6th Attended Ceremonial Signing of new Municipal Funding Agreement
- Mayor added that he spoke with Johnny Jarvis of Goodwill Ave regarding a dog issue in his neighbourhood. Mayor will request that our bylaw officer look into this issue. May need to be investigated during evening hours.

Deputy Mayor Denis Thibodeau

- Met with CAO and Admin staff at various times
- Revenue Sharing meeting with FPEIM John Dewey
- Attended meeting with Kevin MacCarville from Municipal Affairs
- Participated in Souris Christmas Parade

Wanda Bailey

- Attended meeting with Kevin MacCarville from Municipal Affairs
- Advised Rec Director of Town's contribution to Sports Council for 2017

JoAnne Dunphy

- Nov. 17 Revenue sharing meeting
- Dec. 5. Meeting with Province/Kevin MacCarville
- Dec. 8 Planning Advisory Board Meeting
- Meeting for Gateway Park
- Meeting with decorating group "B.I.T." about decorating our planters. They look very festive. Wonderful job.
- Attended Souris Christmas Week activities. Council would like to thank Joanne, Shelley, Patty and Greg, Danny and Brian for all the work they did to make the Town festivities a great success and for all the work in decorating our Town.

Jim Cheverie

- Attended meeting re new municipal sharing agreement with FPEIM John Dewey
- Beach Project ongoing
- Attended meeting with Kevin MacCarville with Municipal Affairs
- Met with Teri Hall re space in Matthew McLean Building

Kenny Peters

- Checked in with CAO
- Attended Souris Christmas Parade
- All is well with Fire Department & EMO. Hope to have revised EMO plan ready in the new year.

Thelma MacDonald

- Met with Teri Hall re space in Matthew McLean Building
- Attended November 11th celebrations
- Attended Open House at Bluefin
- Attended Meet & Greet at Hilltop to meet new owners
- Attended Firemen's Appreciation Dinner
- Attended meeting with Staff Sgt. Fitzpatrick and new Commanding Officer Jennifer Ebert
- Attended meeting with Kevin MacCarville from Municipal Affairs

R. Adjournment.

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